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SUBJECT: WEEKLY SAUDI EDITORIAL REVIEW

SUMMARY: SAUDI EDITORIAL PLAY DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 6
COVERED FOUR US-RELATED THEMES: US MIDDLE EAST PEACE
EFFORTS AND UPCOMING UNSC SESSION; FORD'S CHINA VISIT;
VIENNA OPEC KIDNAPPINGS; US IN ANGOLA. END SUMMARY.

1. US PEACE EFFORTS AND UPCOMING UNSC DISCUSSIONS.
ABD AL-RAHIM NASSAR IN JANUARY 2 AL-YAMMAMA WEEKLY
SEES ISRAEL MOVING TOWARD AN ACCOMMODATION OVER PALESTINIAN
RIGHTS DUE TO U.S. PRESSURE AND ITS PROMISE TO ENABLE
ISRAEL TO "SURVIVE"--AND EVEN "DOMINATE THE AREA
POLITICALLY, ECONOMICALLY AND CULTURALLY." BUT HE
FINDS NO BENEFITS FOR THE ARABS FROM THE AMERICAN PLAN.
IBRAHIM IN JANUARY 2 AR-RIYADH DAILY ON UPCOMING UNSC
SESSION: "NEXT WEEK WE WILL FIND OUT WHEHER THE US HAS
PREPARED ANYTHING FOR THE SOLUTION TO THE ARAB PROBLEM
OR NOT" AND GUESSES NO U.S. POLICY CHANGE UNTIL NEXT
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SPRING WHEN US POLICY WILL HARDEN AFTER "BUYING OFF THE

SOVIETS WITH TONS OF WHEAT." "THE ARABS KNOW BEFORE THEY GET TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 12 THAT THE US WILL USE ITS VETO IF A FAVORABLE (PRO-ARAB) DECISION IS TAKEN."

2. FORD'S CHINA VISIT.

RIDALY IN JANUARY 2 UKAAZ DAILY MAINTAINS FORD'S VISIT WAS "A COMPLETE FAILURE." HE WRITES THAT THE YOUNGER CHINESE LEADERSHIP, RESENTING MOYNIHAN'S CRITICISM OF CHINESE POLICY AT THE UN AND ANGRY OVER US/SOVIET DETENTE, INSISTED ON A "LIMITED AGENDA" FOR THE VISIT; FORD THEN REQUESTED TO SEE MAO, WHO WRITER SAYS IS NOW MERELY A SYMBOL AND SENILE, IN ORDER TO SAVE FACE AND GATHER U.S. ELECTION-YEAR PUBLICITY. LARY COMPARES FORD'S LUKEWARM RECEPTION WITH "BIG CELEBRATION AND CONGESTED AGENDA" FOR CHINESE VISIT BY WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR. WRITER SEES LATTER EVENT AS EXAMPLE OF CHINA'S ATTEMPT TO GAIN WESTERN EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR HER OPPOSITION TO THE US/USSR "INTERNATIONAL DICTATORSHIP."

3. VIENNA KIDNAPPINGS.

AHMAD MAHMUD IN JANUARY 6 AL-MADINA DAILY RULES OUT "ANY POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT BY ARAB OR OTHER EXTREMIST TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS." SEES THE HAPPENING AS AN ATTEMPT "TO SCARE ANY NATION THAT TRIES TO AFFIRM ITS SOVEREIGNTY...AS DONE BY SAUDI STRATEGISTS WHEN THEY USED THE OIL WEAPON." WITER ASKS WHETHER THE U.S. OR THE USSR OR ZIONIST FORCES PLAYED ANY ROLE IN THE INCIDENT. "WHATEVER THE ANSWER...THIS EVENT WILL ONLY ENHANCE THE KINGDOM'S RESOLVE TO CONTINUE WITH ITS POLICIES TO INSURE THE WELLBEING AND LIBERATION OF THE ARAB AND ISLAMIC WORLD."

4. US IN ANGOLA.

ADNAN KAMAL SALAH IN DECEMBER 30 AL-JEZIRA DAILY BELIEVES US, BY USING THE "CIA IN ANGOLA" HAS EMBARRASSED AFRICAN LEADERS FOR THEY ARE NOW FORCED TO EITHER SUPPORT UNITA AND THUS APPEAR TO BE ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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AGENTS OF THE CIA, OR SUPPORT THE COMMUNIST REGIME AND ENCOURAGE SOVIET INTERVENTION.
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